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In re Application of : Zhou, Yong  
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
REDUCE IMAGE INTENSITY  
VARIATION DURING MR DATA  
ACQUISITION  
Group Art No. : 3768  
Examiner : Angela M. Hoffa

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT  
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed April 22, 2011, Applicant submits the following remarks responsive to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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**REMARKS**

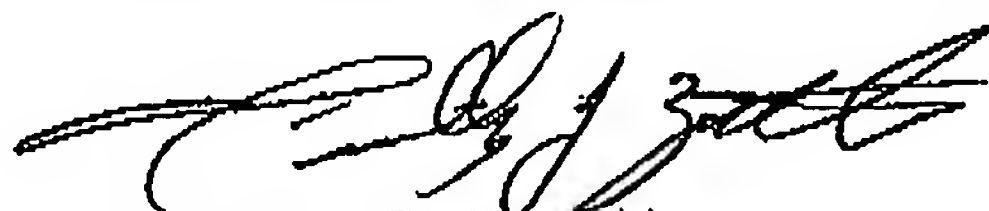
In the Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner referred to the Reasons for Allowance in the Office Action mailed May 27, 2010. However, the claims in this application were allowed after Applicant's subsequently filed Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Request without amendment thereto. Therefore, while the Reasons may be pertinent to some dependent claims, they are not relevant to the allowed independent claims.

Further, the patentability of claims 1, 4-10, and 12-21 lie in each claim as a whole. That is, a single particular element or feature of a claim does not define the claim's patentability, but rather, it is the combination of elements and the interconnection therebetween that define the invention. The claims cannot be considered to be limited in scope based on this brief statement by the Examiner. Applicant stands by its position previously set forth in the file history.

Applicant does not acquiesce to the accuracy of the Examiner's statements in the Reasons for Allowance nor the Examiner's partial paraphrasing of the claim elements.

Entry of these remarks is appreciated and Applicant cordially invites the Examiner to respond, should the Examiner disagree.

Respectfully submitted,



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